

# Film Tempers Horrors of War Behind Europe's Battle Fields

Germany, Austria, and Belgium  
Relieve Worn Nerves by  
Watching Photoplay Stars.

COWBOY DRAMAS POPULAR

Women and Children and Old  
Men Left Behind While Away  
Time at Picture Shows.

Motion pictures have been prescribed by several of the medical profession who write what they practice.

But Belgium, Austria, and Germany are said to furnish the actual application of the photoplay prescription to worn-out and sorely wrecked nerves.

Karl K. Kitchen, who is a correspondent for the New York World, and has been all over Germany, Belgium, and Austria during the past year, is authority for the statement that the motion picture has been the savior of those countries.

The current issue of the Photoplay Magazine has a long story by Mr. Kitchen setting forth these facts. Among other things, he writes:

"There is but one topic of conversation in Berlin—the war. There is but one place where the Berliner can forget it and its concomitant horrors and sorrows—the Lichtspiele—the 'movies'—and then only for an hour or so, because war scenes are a part of every film program. And though the common grief of the nation cannot be wholly forgotten even in the common recreation the 'movies' go far toward making life bearable.

"In Vienna and Budapest, capitals of the dual kingdom, where everyday life has not been so poignantly tainted by the nearness of the blood demon, they laugh aloud at the antics of the film comedians. In Berlin, they only smile, for in Kultur's center they take even their pleasures seriously. Even in Brussels, the humiliated Belgian enjoys the tragedies and comedies of the cinema and forgets, for the time, the grief that came with the gray-clad hordes from the east.

Relief in Belgium.  
"Well, it might be worse, soliloquizes the philosophic Belgian. The tyranny of no ancient or medieval conqueror was tempered by the cinema.

"Of all the war capitals, Brussels seems to be the real home of the movie fans. The city is dotted with cinemas, as they are called there, and they are filled morning, noon, and night.

"There are several reasons for this surprising condition. Brussels, of course, is under German rule, and the native population is in mourning for the sad plight of the little country. They have no heart for theater-going—that is, attending regular dramatic performances. The Germans are trying to bring 'Kultur' to the Belgians, and there are two theaters devoted to German plays, which, of course, are avoided by the Brusselsers.

"As the opera is closed and traveling French dramatic and musical companies are unable to reach Brussels, moving pictures have become the popular amusement for all classes. They have the advantage of being inexpensive—a very important consideration in a war stricken Belgium.

"Of course, all the films shown in Brussels are censored by the German military authorities. But the most surprising liberality is in the censorship. The war films which I saw in a cinema on the Boulevard du Nord near the Metropole Hotel, gave glimpses of the French, English and Russian armies as well as the victorious Tootons.

Censors Are Liberal.  
"In addition to the German, Swedish, and Danish films, numerous American films are to be seen in Brussels at the present time. Cowboy films are particularly popular. Because of the work of the Belgian Relief Commission, Americans are extremely popular in Belgium, and American film actors are applauded to the echo.

"The cinemas of the Belgian capital are more like our American moving picture houses than the Lichtspiele and kinos of Berlin and Vienna. The prices are extremely low, the best seats selling for one franc less than 20 cents.

"The majority of movie goers in Brussels pay less than half that sum for their entertainment. The performances in many of the play houses are continuous, but end promptly at 11 p. m. when every amusement and activity in the former Belgian capital is ended by the German regulations.

Chaplin Stars Work.  
The Mutual-Chaplin Comedy Company has become a reality. Production was started last week on the first subject at the studio at 1005 Lillian Way, Hollywood.

Mr. Chaplin arrived in Los Angeles last week, having been preceded by H. P. Caulfield, former business manager at Universal City, who is to serve as production manager.

Edna Purviance, who played leads opposite Mr. Chaplin in all Essanay Productions, will again appear with Chaplin.

Other players selected for a permanent berth are Eric Campbell, Charlotte Mineau, Leo White, and Lloyd Bacon.

Coast and Geodetic  
Survey to Celebrate

The 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Coast and Geodetic Survey will be celebrated in the New National Museum tomorrow.

In the afternoon, beginning at 2:30 o'clock, speeches will be made by Dr. Hugh H. Smith, commissioner of fisheries; Dr. Louis A. Bauer, director of the Department of Fisheries; and Dr. George W. Smith, director of the Geological Survey.

In the evening addresses will be made by Congressman J. Hampton Moore, Brig. Gen. W. M. Putnam, commissioner of lighthouses, and George Washington Littlehales, hydrographic engineer of the Hydrographic Office.

Aged Couple Married.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 4.—"Thankful," blushing responded Miss Cobb, sixty-five, when the preacher filling out the marriage certificate which made her the wife of Thomas Carpenter, seventy-five, asked her first name.



GERTRUDE MCCOY.

First photograph of former Edison star since she started work for the Mutual Company in Florida.

## Dinosaur as Satire On Preparedness Policies

"Antis" Will Send Armored Model on Tour to Show  
Nation How Militarism Brought Extinction.  
All Big Cities To Be Visited.

The Anti "Preparedness" Committee, which is planning a big "swing around the circle" to block the proposed army and navy increase bills, has launched a huge model of the extinct "armored dinosaur" as a satire on "military preparedness."

This dinosaur, which is about fifteen feet long and built in proportion, will be carried on a huge truck through the various cities which the tour will include. On one side of the truck is a long placard reading as follows:

ALL ARMOR PLATE: NO BRAINS.

and on the other side a long streamer announcing:

"This Animal, Trusting to Military Preparedness, Had No Intelligent, Foreign Policy; He Is Now Extinct."

The committee has issued the following statement regarding the "natural history of the armored dinosaur as a symbol of so-called military preparedness."

"We respectfully present the armored dinosaur—sometimes known as the stegosaurus—to our fellow citizens as a proper and appropriate symbol of current day militarism. Nothing, we submit, could be more like the heavy, stumbling, clumsy, brutal foolery which is destroying Europe than this old monster of the past. This creature, all armor plate and no brains, had no more intelligent way of living than that of 'adequate preparedness.' He endeavored to meet all his difficulties by piling on more and more armor until at last he sank by his own clumsy weight into the marsh lands such as one would expect to find at low tide at Oyster Bay.

"The armored dinosaur, with a brain cavity more diminutive in proportion to the size of its body than that of any

other animal, was unable to conceive of an intelligent foreign policy. It was like the militarist in this. Moreover, its vision was limited. Its eyes were small and could only look sideways; it could not look ahead.

"It is thought by those who have studied these creatures that at one time there were at least fourteen different species of armored dinosaurs roaming about on the face of the earth. This fact has a peculiar significance, as there are just that number of patriotic societies in this country now urging dinosaurian preparedness upon us.

"Increasing bulk and development of armor caused the dinosaur to lose celerity of movement. Thanks to 'preparedness' he had no need to think and he became a sluggish, slow-moving creature of low mentality. Whereas his contemporaries in the animal kingdom, whose minds did not run so much on 'preparedness,' kept their wits about them and worked out plans by which to live and let live—with the result that modern man and the armored dinosaur now meet each other only in museums.

"So it will be with the great nations. The free peoples who refuse to take upon themselves the load of militarism, are destined to march far along the road of human progress while the goose-stepping, eternally saluting worshippers of the militarist top boot will have 'prepared' themselves off the face of the earth.

The armored dinosaur is scheduled for appearance shortly in New York, Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Minneapolis, Des Moines, Kansas City, St. Louis, Cincinnati, and Pittsburgh where plans are under way for big mass meetings designed to ventilate 'the truth about preparedness.'

Among the speakers scheduled are Washington Gladden, Scott Nearing, Amos Pinchot, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Dr. John Haynes Holmes, President James H. Mauer, of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor; John A. McSparran, legislative chairman of the National Grange; Herbert S. Bieglow, of Cincinnati; Isaac R. Sherwood, of Ohio, and others.

## OPPOSE MOVING OF ASYLUM HOSPITAL

Eight Citizens' Associations  
Organized Against Pro-  
posed New Site.

Eight citizens' associations, representing territory north of Florida avenue, have united in a movement, to oppose moving the Washington Asylum Hospital to a proposed site near Georgia avenue and Upshur street northwest.

At a meeting of a joint committee last night, representing the eight associations, it was decided to hold a mass meeting within the next few days to protest against removal of the asylum to the northwest location. The committee met at the residence of C. F. McCurdy, 1225 Delaware place.

The mass meeting probably will be held at the Arcade Hall, fourteenth street and Park road northwest. Capt. Thomas H. McKee, former warden of the District Jail, is expected to be one of the principal speakers. William F. Gude, who is a member of the Potomac Citizens' Association, will be asked to provide.

Arrangements for the mass meeting will be completed by a subcommittee of the joint committee, which was appointed last night as follows:

Charles W. Ray, Brightwood, chairman; Daniel W. Edelin, Columbia Heights; Jesse C. State, Potomac; E. J. Ayres, Brightwood Park, and G. B. French, Piney Branch.

The joint committee has been organized by the appointment of the following officers:

C. F. Curdy, Piney Branch, chairman; Jesse C. State, Potomac, vice chairman; Fred J. Rice, Columbia Heights, secretary; and G. B. French, Piney Branch, treasurer.

The associations represented on the joint committee will be requested to take charge of circulating petitions protesting against moving the asylum hospital to the northwest.

Entertainment For Blind  
Is Arranged For Tonight

An entertainment for the blind will be presented at the Library of Congress at 8:15 tonight.

Those who will participate in the program include: Misses (Voorhees) Susie I. Duffy, Harriet Stone, Estelle Lewis, E. Louise Patterson, Catherine L. Grady, and Nellie Williams; and Messrs. Robert I. Swann, French Hurty, Thomas Dunlap, and John McDonald.

Empress, 416 Ninth street—William Farnum and Dorothy Bernard in "The Bondman," adapted from the novel by Hall Caine (Fox Film Co.).

Carolina, North Carolina avenue near Eleventh street—Kennedy and Van Buren and Dorothy Bernard in "The District Attorney," adapted from the play by Harrison Gray Dyer and Charles Klein (V. L. S. E. Vitagraph).

Masonic Auditorium, Thirteenth street and New York avenue—Jane Grey and "Man and His Angel" (Equitable).

Circle, 206 Pennsylvania avenue—Antonio Moreno in "Kismet," adapted from the story by F. Hopkinson Smith (V. L. S. E. Vitagraph).

Olympic, 181 You street—Violet Mercereau in "Autumn" (Universal).

Home, Twelfth and C streets north—Virginia Pearson and Joseph Kilgour in "The Writing on the Wall" (V. L. S. E. Vitagraph).

Hippodrome, Ninth street and New York avenue—Jane Novak in "Graft," sixteenth installment (Universal).

Pekin, Gardiner, Twenty-first street and Pennsylvania avenue—William Duncan in "The Chalice of Courage," adapted from the story by Cyrus Townsend Brady (V. L. S. E. Vitagraph).

Loew's Columbia, Twelfth and F streets—Lenore Garry in "The Heart of Paula" (Morocco).

Garden, 423 Ninth street—Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne in "The Flying Torpedo" (Triangle).

Zenith, Ninth and E streets—Alice Brady in "Then I'll Come Back To You" (World Film Corp.).

Crandall's Apollo, 624 H street north—Kitty Gordon in "As Is Looking Glass" (World Film Corp.).

Columbia, Pennsylvania avenue near Ninth street—Ethel Clayton in "Dollars and the Woman" (V. L. S. E. Lubin).

Note—These selections are made from programs prepared by the managers of the theaters concerned, and no responsibility is assumed for arbitrary changes without notice to the Times. They are based on the personality of the players, the producing company, and not personal inspection, except in special cases. G. M.

## Jan. Grand Jury Ends Busy Session

Investigates 425 Cases and 402  
Indictments Were Har-  
Ded.

The grand jury for the January term which ended yesterday with the report of seventy indictments, has been most energetic.

A total of 425 cases have been investigated and 402 indictments were returned, while twenty-three cases were ignored. Ten of the indictments were for homicide.

Just previous to being discharged the grand jurors presented gifts to the officers of the body and court attaches. Silk umbrellas with engraved silver handles were presented to Washington Topham, foreman, and Charles Hood, secretary. A gold stickpin with a cameo setting was given G. V. Buck, clerk of the grand jury.

Gifts of gold were presented to Deputy Marshal Torneron, Messenger Frank McMillen, and Elevator Operators James Turner and Nace Edlin.

Mr. Buck took a group picture of the jurors and the court attaches, together with the presiding justice and officers of the District Attorney's office.

George Washington U.  
Alumni Meet April 14

The Alumni Association of George Washington University will hold its annual meeting April 14, at the James Ormond Wilson Normal School.

After the business meeting there will be an informal reception in the gymnasium of the school, followed by dancing. All graduates of the university will be invited to attend. Seniors in the nine departments of the university will be the special guests. A buffet supper will be served. Dr. Howard Lincoln Hodgkins, dean of the College of Engineering and secretary of the institution, is in general charge of arrangements.

Chinese Envoy to Serve  
Tea At Cornell Home

Kollang Yih, a former Cornell man of the class of 1909 and now connected with the Chinese legation, will serve real tea at the Cornell Club's new home, 204 H street northwest, this afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock. The occasion is the first of a series of informal afternoon reunions.

The club also held its weekly luncheon today at the Ebbitt, with Congressman Parker, of New York as the speaker.

## PUBLIC AND ROADS ARE SEEN AT PEACE

Southern Pacific Chairman Calls  
Politicians Only Harmful  
Factors in Nation.

NEW YORK, April 3.—Returning from an inspection of the Southern Pacific railroad Julius Kruttschnitt chairman of the line, says he has been impressed with the improvement in the relations between the railroads and the people.

"I am very hopeful regarding the outlook," said Kruttschnitt. "Ten years ago we decided to go direct to the public. Results have been surprising. There is better feeling everywhere between corporations and the people.

"It is no unusual thing now to go from one end of our system to the other, a journey of 1,000 miles, visiting shippers, without hearing a single complaint. Ten years ago this would have been undreamed of."

Only Trouble Maker.  
"The fellow who is doing the harm now is the politician, and railroad corporations may rest assured of the ultimate outcome of their case, because the people are final masters of politicians and administration."

"The more lucrative transatlantic traffic of traffic of the company's lines, returned yesterday. Speaking of business conditions in the West and Southwest, Kruttschnitt said:

"Freight business is exceptionally heavy. Indications are that so many vessels have been diverted to the more lucrative transatlantic traffic that even with the reopening of the Panama canal the effect on railroad tonnage will not be immediately felt."

Carrying Oriental Freight.

"Our rail lines are now getting carriage of Oriental freights that formerly took the Suez route. There also has been considerable traffic in troops and equipment in connection with the border trouble."

"The company's lines are in most excellent physical condition. No construction work is being done excepting the completion of a few pieces of road begun sometime ago. The only

financing in prospect is the sale of \$5,000,000 of equipment trust notes in payment for recent equipment purchases.

## AVOID ALL MEAT IF KIDNEYS AND BLADDER BOTHER

Uric Acid in meat excites Kid-  
neys and irritates the  
Bladder.

Take Salts at first sign of  
Bladder weakness or  
Kidney-Backache.

Kidney and Bladder weakness result from uric acid, says a noted authority. The kidneys filter this acid from the blood and pass it on to the bladder, where it often remains to irritate and inflame, causing a burning, scalding sensation, or setting up an irritation at the neck of the bladder, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night. The sufferer is in constant dread, the water passes sometimes with a scalding sensation and is very profuse; again there is difficulty in voiding it.

Bladder weakness, most folks call it, because they can't control urination. While it is extremely annoying and sometimes very painful, this is really one of the most simple ailments to overcome. Get about four ounces of Jad Salts from your pharmacist and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast. Continue this for two or three days. This will neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation to the bladder and urinary organs which then act normally again.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, harmless, and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is used by thousands of folks who are subject to urinary disorders caused by uric acid irritation. Jad Salts is splendid for kidneys and causes no bad effects whatever.

Here you have a pleasant, effervescent lithia-water drink which quickly relieves bladder trouble.—Adv.

## GET A PRIZE OF \$10

A mammoth window display contest has been arranged for Washington merchants. It continues Tuesday and Wednesday. In order to attract the attention of the public to the excellence of the windows, The Washington Times offers three prizes of

\$10  
Each

to the three people whose opinions agree most nearly with the decisions of the official judges and whose reasons therefor are most logical.

Look at all the windows, then send your list on this coupon to The Times before 7 o'clock Wednesday evening, April 5th.

### COUPON—Window Display Contest

This Coupon must be filed at The Times office before 7 o'clock Wednesday evening, April 5. My opinion is that the following stores will be decided upon by the judges as having the Most Effectively Dressed Windows:

Class A.....  
Department, Dry Goods, Millinery, and Ladies' Shops.

Reason.....

Class B.....  
Clothing, Men's Furnishings, Hats, Shoe and Tailor Shops.

Reason.....

Class C.....  
Drug, Stationery, Book, Music, Art, Jewelry, China, Cigar, Confectionery Stores, Photographers' Studios.

Reason.....

Class D.....  
Hardware, Carriage, Harness, Sporting Goods, Leather Goods, Automobile, Furniture, Wall Paper, Paint, Electrical and Plumbing Shops.

Reason.....

Class E.....  
Grocery and Provision Stores, Bakeries, Florist Shops, Meat Markets.

Reason.....

Only one selection permitted in each class.

Signed.....

Address.....

## As Old As Your Kidneys

Some folks are young at seventy, others are old at fifty.

We all are as old as our kidneys.

Most of us neglect our bodily health, and after middle age something has to give. Usually the kidneys weaken first.

Don't let weak kidneys age you.

When backache becomes an everyday annoyance, with stiff joints, an all-tired-out feeling, headaches, dizzy spells, "blues," nervousness and bothersome irregularities of the action of the kidneys, don't delay at all. Get a box of Doan's Kidney Pills. They have done wonders for elderly people.

If weak kidneys are neglected there's danger of dropsy, heart trouble, hardening of the arteries,



gravel, stone in the kidney, or Bright's disease. Washington people recommend Doan's Kidney Pills. Here's a home case. You can rely upon what Washington people say.

### A WASHINGTON CASE

Mrs. B. Vogelsberger, 2018 Georgia Ave. N.W., says: "My back gave me considerable trouble. I had a constant dull aching across my kidneys, and it made me feel miserable all over. Mornings I awoke feeling all tired out, and I never seemed to get enough sleep. Dizzy spells came over me and I came nearly falling right over. Two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, which I got from the People's Pharmacy, cured me."

"When Your Back is Lame—Remember the Name"  
**DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS**  
Sold by all Dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N.Y., Proprietors.

## The Famous Goldberg

Cartoons are a regular feature  
of the daily issues of

## The Washington Times

Be sure and read tomorrow's  
cartoons entitled

"Celebrating An Anniversary Is Very  
Sweet if You Don't Make It a  
Regular Business"  
and "I Never Thought of That"